

Claim 14 (Amended)

A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of interrupting data transmission over the poorly performing wireless link comprises a step of dropping a data frame transmitted over the poorly performing wireless link.

Claim 15 (Amended)

A method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a step of re transmitting the dropped frame after a delay period.

Claim 21 (Amended)

A wireless data communications network comprising a base station capable of bi-directional data communication with each one of a plurality of wireless terminals over respective bi-directional wireless data communications links, the network comprising:

- a) computing means for examining performance of each wireless link of the network to identify a poorly performing wireless link; and
- b) control means for at least temporarily interrupting bi-directional data transmission over the identified poorly performing wireless link.

Claim 26 (Amended)

A network as claimed in claim 21, wherein the control means is adapted to suspend transmission of a data frame over the poorly performing wireless link.

Claim 29 (Amended)

A network as claimed in claim 26, wherein the computing means is further adapted to maintain a count of suspended frames.

Claim 35 (Amended)

A network as claimed in claim 34, further comprising means for re transmitting the dropped frame after a delay period.

Claim 41 (Amended)

A base station in a wireless data communications network, the base station being adapted for bi-directional data communications with each one of a plurality of wireless terminals over respective bi-directional wireless communications links, the base station comprising:

- a) computing means for examining performance of each wireless link of the network to identify a poorly performing wireless link; and
- b) control means for at least temporarily interrupting bidirectional data transmission over the identified poorly performing wireless link.

Claim 47 (Amended)

A base station as claimed in claim 46, wherein the computing means is further adapted to maintain a count of a number of suspended frames.

Claim 51 (Amended)

A base station as claimed in claim 50, wherein the computing means is adapted to maintain a count of dropped frames.